

**SACRAMENTO CENTRAL GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY (SCGA)**  
**Governing Board Meeting**  
**Final Minutes**  
**July 13, 2011**

**LOCATION:** 10060 Goethe Road, Room 1212  
Sacramento, CA 95827  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**MINUTES:**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The following meeting participants were in attendance:

Board Members (Alternate Rep):

Darren Wilson, City of Elk Grove  
Elizabeth Sparkman, City of Rancho Cordova  
Jim Peifer, City of Sacramento  
Herb Niederberger, County of Sacramento/Sacramento County Water Agency  
Anthony van Steyn, Agricultural Interests  
Rick Bettis, Conservation Land Owners  
Edwin Smith, Public Agencies Self-Supplied  
Ed Crouse, Rancho Murieta Community Services District  
David Armand, California-American Water Company  
Dave Ocnosak, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District  
Paul Schubert, Golden State Water Company

Staff Members:

Darrell Eck, Executive Director  
Heather Hawke, Board Clerk  
Ping Chen  
Ramon Roybal

Others in Attendance:

Rodney Fricke, Aerojet  
Jim Blanke, RMC/WRIME Inc.  
Jose Ramirez, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District  
Rob Swartz, Sacramento Groundwater Authority  
William Hughes, ASE Inc.

Member Agencies Absent

*City of Folsom*  
*Elk Grove Water District*  
*Agricultural-Residential*  
*Omochumne-Hartnell Water District*

## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

## 3. CONSENT CALENDAR

The draft meeting minutes for the meeting held on March 9th, 2011 were reviewed for final approval.

**Motion/Second/Carried** – Mr. Bettis moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, the motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes.

## 4. BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Eck indicated that the proposed 2011/2012 fiscal year budget was developed based on the program requirements (GMP Related Expenses) described in the Central Basin GMP. The budget also provides for overhead expenses (Staff Expenses) including the Executive Director, Administration Support, Legal Counsel, and Financial support. The proposed budget also includes funding for consultant services (Consultant Expenses). Based on the Board's decision to postpone work on the Well Protection Program at the January 12, 2011 Board meeting, no funding has been recommended for the program in the 2011/2012 fiscal year budget. The proposed budget for SCGA and WPP was presented, discussed and approval recommended by the SCGA Budget Committee on May 04, 2011. Budget Committee members include Ed Crouse, Herb Niederberger, Jim Peifer, and Dave Ocnosak. A motion to approve the proposed budget was made pending votes from the cities of Elk Grove and Folsom. Mr. Niederberger reiterated that the Joint Powers Agreement called for a unanimous vote of JPA signatories along with a majority vote of all other board members.

**Motion/Second/Carried** – Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Bettis, the motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes once pending votes from the cities of Elk Grove and Folsom are received.

*Note: Votes to approve the proposed Fiscal Year 2011/12 budget were received from the cities of Elk Grove and Folsom in the affirmative.*

## 5. UPDATE ON THREATS TO GROUNDWATER QUALITY ANALYSIS

Jim Blanke from RMC/WRIME Inc. provided an update on the modeling analysis of the potential mobility of contaminant plumes originating from the Aerojet-Boeing Corporation, McClellan, Mather, and downtown rail yard cleanup areas. Mr. Blanke mentioned that the project's approach was to track particles conservatively. Mr. Blanke mentioned that going forward there may be a need to account for new supply wells, new development projects, regional boundary modeling, and remediation pumping.

Based on the presentation, William Hughes of ASE Inc. (conducting monitoring of the clean-up operations at Mather) indicated that they would keep the Authority regularly apprised of their on-going activities.

**6. UPDATE ON PROCESS TO REVISE THE AMERICAN RIVER BASIN INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN (ARB IRWMP)**

Mr. Swartz discussed the State's objectives related to updating the ARB IRWMP. These objectives focus primarily on improvements in water supply reliability, protection and improvements in water quality, ensuring water resource sustainability through environmental stewardship, promoting multiple water resource benefits from project investments, promoting project integration and regional planning, and to encourage local agencies to build facilities that facilitate these objectives. Mr. Swartz identified modified boundaries, upper basin coordination, goals and objectives (providing reliable, sustainable water supply to meet existing/future needs of region), new governance structure, region acceptance process, consideration of needs of disadvantaged communities, climate impacts and additional stakeholder outreach as having been targeted for improvement and updating in the ARB IRWMP. He also added protecting and enhancing the quality of surface, groundwater and environmental resources, such as water sheds within the region and people's properties from flood damage as additional elements. Mr. Swartz indicated that there was a two year planning horizon to complete the process, January 2011 to January 2013, with the primary focus of tasks for the ARB IRWMP to consist of basic data, disadvantaged area communities (DAC) involvement, climate, goal/objectives, web interface, projects, prioritization and planning/preparation.

**7. GROUNDWATER DATA POLICY**

Mr. Eck reported that SCGA staff has had a number of requests to provide information submitted to the Authority by its member agencies and no clear policy exists to provide direction on how information should be shared and what should be kept confidential. The SGA Board has had a similar discussion and on June 9, 2011 adopted a Groundwater Data Policy. The policy defines the role of SGA in managing and disseminating data on behalf of their member agencies. With the update of the HydroDMS the managing, availability, and dissemination of information will become more of an issue. Development and implementation of a policy similar to that adopted by the SGA Board will make decisions regarding the sharing of member agency information easier to manage, regionally consistent, and provide greater piece of mind. A similar policy will be brought to the Board for their approval at the next regular meeting of the Authority.

**8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Eck began by announcing that the City of Elk Grove had voted to approve the FY2012 budget leaving the City of Folsom as the last JPA signatory to submit a vote.

Mr. Eck then reported on the following:

- a) California State Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) – DWR has updated its website to accept monitoring plans. SCGA staff has been continuing to develop a monitoring plan for submittal to DWR. Additionally, SCGA staff has been coordinating with staff representing Placer County and the Sacramento Groundwater Authority on submitting consistent monitoring plans.
- b) Legislation/Regulatory Update – AB 359 (Huffman) would require a map identifying groundwater recharge areas for the basin be included in a groundwater management plan. The bill would also require that the local agency provide the map of the groundwater recharge areas to local planning agencies and notify the department (meaning DWR) and other interested persons when a map is submitted to those local planning agencies. This bill has passed in the Assembly and is currently in the Senate's committee on appropriations. SB 263 (Pavley) would require that reports filed with DWR for digging, boring, or drilling water wells, cathodic protection wells, monitoring wells, or abandons or destroys a well, or deepens or re-perforates a well make these reports available to the public. The bill would also prohibit the State Department of Public Health from preventing the disclosure of information provided in these reports. This bill has passed in the Senate and is currently in the Assembly's committee on governmental organization.
- c) Groundwater Management Planning in California - Rebecca Nelson through the Woods Institute for the Environment, The Bill Lane Center for the American West, and Stanford University published a thesis entitled Uncommon Innovation: Developments in Groundwater Management Planning in California (March 2011). This thesis focuses, in part, on the innovative approach and accomplishments in groundwater management made by of the Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority and the Sacramento Groundwater Authority.
- d) South Area Water Council - The South Area Water Council plans to meet on July 18, 2011 to discuss JPAs, MOUs, and other ways to implement a groundwater management plan. The meeting will begin at 6:00 pm at the Sacramento County Farm Bureau, 8970 Elk Grove Boulevard, Elk Grove.
- e) Sacramento Water Recycling Coalition - The Sacramento Water Recycling Coalition has developed a website to track and report on their various activities.

## **9. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Peifer reported that the City of Sacramento was in the process of updating their water master plan and that it may call for increased use of groundwater in the Central Basin.

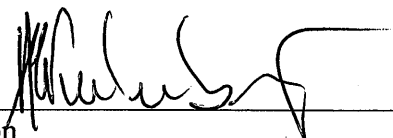
Mr. Wilson announced that the City of Elk Grove storm drain master plan EIR was planned for public review by the end of July. He also announced the showcase of his City's demonstration rain garden.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Upcoming Meetings –**

**Next SCGA Board of Directors Meeting –** Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011. 10060 Goethe Road, Sacramento, CA; SASD South Conference Room 1212 (Sunset Maple).

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